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Emmanuel Newsflash

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A Message From Rev. Roni

Friends,

This week the Indigenous Solidarity Team of the North Bay and area Mission Cluster (of the former North Bay Presbytery) will lead our worship service which is themed “Protecting the Water of Life”.

As a Canadian living in an urban center, it is easy to take for granted the privilege of turning on a faucet and drinking a glass of water, with no concern for my health. Most of us have not had to live with ongoing ‘boil water advisories’ or have had to purchase drinkable water out of necessity. If you were to try living like this for one week, you would find it quite stressful. Imagine having to use boil water for brushing your teeth!

Many of our indigenous neighbours and some people, two-thirds, also live with this social inequity. Loving our neighbour, living in friendship as treaty people, implies that we share a responsibility to ensure clean drinkable water for everyone.

As people of privilege we are called to be advocates for justice, holding our political leaders accountable and supporting our indigenous leaders in this work here in Canada. We are also called to

individually do small things, such as using eco-friendly cleaning products that are less likely to destroy the natural habitat for our fishes and plankton when they enter our tributaries, streams, rivers and lakes. Water is a gift that God has given us. Our bodies are 90% water. We cannot live without water. Our natural water sources are habitat for fish, plant life and other species that require an aqueous environment for their life cycle. I observe the ducks and gulls relying on the lake for their survival are we not responsible to care for all creation?

We are so grateful to the Indigenous Solidarity Team (and our very own Janie Clayton and Merlin Clayton) for heightening our awareness on this issue and the entire team for helping us to understand why we as people of faith are compelled to take a stand, for we are “called to live with respect with creation”.

The online service will be available from 6:00 am on Sunday June 20th from Emmanuel’s YouTube channel. The link would be made available on Sunday morning, at 10:30 am.

Blessings to all,

Rev. Roni Beharry



Sunday Services are available online:

YouTube: Emmanuel United YouTube Channel - *With a subscription you will receive notification of the video and can view the services by 6:00am Sunday.*

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EUCNorthBay/>

Website: <http://www.emmanuelunitednorthbay.ca/onlineservices.html>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/emmanuel_united

Readings for June 20th, 2021 are:

Mark 4: 35-41

Revelation 21: 6



Rev. Roni invites you to a Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:45 am following the Sunday Service.

**Donations to
The United Church Healing Fund
for Residential School Survivors and their
Indigenous Communities.**

To begin to redress some of the harms, many United Churches across the country are choosing to ask their congregations for donations to the United Church of Canada's 'Healing Fund' in memory of the many children recovered from the unmarked burials. We are hoping to raise at least \$215. Your donation to Mission and Service makes the Healing Fund possible. At this time, if you wish to make a special donation, you may ask that it be directed to the Healing Fund.

Excerpt from Janie Clayton, CSRC Rep and Living in Right Relations Rep. for Emmanuel United Church

Father's day is on the third Sunday in June. In 2021 **Father's Day is on June 20th**. It is an unofficial holiday to celebrate fathers around the world-although the date varies.



**AVENUES FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING
EMMANUEL'S MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

- ***PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance)
 - ***ONLINE GIVING** (CanadaHelps.org from our Website)
 - ***E-TRANSFER** (From your personal online bank account to Brenda at euctreasurer@gmail.com)
- Thank you!**



Today's Smile!



My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died recently) and he brought me an old lemonade bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it.

I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something.

I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons.

Man, I am old.



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Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring, welcoming faith community, nurturing spiritual life and sharing God's love and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.

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